



## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

April 29, 2014

Ms. Lisa A. Hamilton  
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**SUBJECT: NO FURTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR SOILS ONLY**

**SITE: FORMER PACIFIC AIRMOTIVE CORPORATION, 6265 SAN FERNANDO ROAD, GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA AND OTHER FORMER FACILITIES LOCATED IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, CALIFORNIA (FILE NO. 109.0047)**

Dear Ms. Hamilton:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board), is the public agency with primary responsibility for the protection of ground and surface water quality for all beneficial uses within major portions of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, including the above referenced site.

The Regional Board is investigating sources of heavy metals contamination, particularly chromium, within the San Fernando Valley Superfund Site. The referenced site was investigated as part of the process in identifying source sites pursuant to the California Water Code (CWC) section 13267.

The subject property is located at 6265 San Fernando Road, in the City of Glendale, California (Site) and is currently owned and occupied by ACCO Engineered Systems (which was formerly known as Air Conditioning Company) since 1949. Regional Board files state that the Site was occupied by Pacific Airmotive Corporation (PAC) from 1943 to 1949. PAC operations at the Site potentially involved the use of various chemicals such as solvents, acids, and electrolyte solutions which could impact groundwater quality, if released to the subsurface environment.

On March 15, 2013, the Regional Board issued a CWC section 13267 Order No. R4-2013-0033 (Order) directing General Electric (GE) to prepare and submit a Chemical Storage and Use Questionnaire (CUQ), provide any additional information on the operations and the chemicals used and stored by PAC during its operations at the Site, and information regarding any other former PAC facilities located in the San Fernando Valley (excluding the former facility located at 2940 Hollywood Way, Burbank, California). The CUQ and information provided by GE stated that in 1997, GE acquired Greenwich Air Services (Greenwich) while Greenwich was in the process of acquiring United Nuclear Corporation (UNC). UNC is a wholly-owned, indirect subsidiary of GE. UNC had acquired PAC from Purex Industries in 1985. GE stated that a comprehensive, good faith investigation of all reasonably available information in GE's

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custody and control to locate documents or information concerning any operations at the Site was conducted and the investigation has not led to the identification of any information concerning the Site. GE further stated that they have not found any documentation which indicates that the PAC identified in the Order is linked to the PAC entity acquired during the Greenwich/UNC transaction.

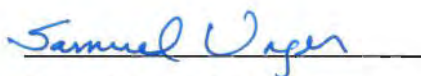
Based upon the Regional Board's review of the historical documents and the information provided, there is not adequate evidence to substantiate that PAC operations at the Site involved the use of chemicals such as solvents, acids and electrolyte solutions, and to link the Site to the PAC acquired by GE. The Regional Board has determined that no further requirements (NFR) are warranted under the Order for the Site *with respect to soils only*. The NFR determination is made by the Regional Board at this time based upon the most current information/data contained in the Regional Board's subject file. The NFR applies only to the chemicals of concern which have been evaluated by the Regional Board during the current investigation and with the provision that the information provided to the Regional Board staff is accurate and representative of Site conditions. If soil contamination is encountered during future Site construction or redevelopment activities, you are required to provide a verbal notification to this Regional Board immediately and submit a follow-up written report within 72-hours. In addition, appropriate health and safety measures must be fully implemented if conditions change.

Please note that remaining environmental issues in groundwater beneath the property will continue to be regulated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) under its Superfund Program. Furthermore, this letter does not address, nor does it affect the Regional Board's authority to direct actions with respect to waste found in groundwater at the Site.

This Regional Board's NFR determination under the Order does not affect the jurisdiction or requirements of other agencies, including, but not limited to, the Department of Toxic Substances Control and the USEPA, with regard to any media, including soils. Such agencies may choose to make their own determinations concerning this Site.

**Should you have any questions related to this project, please contact Ms. Jillian Ly via telephone at (213) 576-6731 or via email at [jillian.ly@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:jillian.ly@waterboards.ca.gov) or Mr. Jeffrey Hu via telephone at (213) 576-6803 or via email at [jeffrey.hu@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:jeffrey.hu@waterboards.ca.gov).**

Sincerely,



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